



Governor Link Visit Record

Governor Link Area		Attendance
Governor/s	Helen Robinson	
Staff	Jane Wainwright	
Date	10.02.25	

Agenda and findings

To discuss the whole school approach to improving attendance and any recommendations made during recent OFSTED visit.

Discussion and challenge

Jane reported that Autumn 1 & 2 attendance figures down on last year (95.7%) this was due in the main to lots of illness. The first week of Spring 1 was very poor at 91.8% (whole school) however this is linked directly to the fact that the school opened during the heavy snow, but many children did not come in. Usual trends for low attendance persist e.g. last weeks of term, Fridays etc but we are continuing with schemes to encourage attendance. Punctuality remains problematic. Jane checks the late logs every two weeks and follows up on those children who are persistently late. This approach has seen some success however there are a core of families whose persistent lateness is just one piece of a puzzle of complex needs which the school is endeavouring to meet.

What was the outcome of OFSTED's review of attendance?

The Inspectors commented that the whole school approach to tackling attendance was robust and that they acknowledged that we are doing all we can. No suggestions for further improvement were made however the SLT have decided to share attendance data with phase leaders and the SEND team. It is hoped that they can further assist in driving up attendance in their particular groups. The SEND team face greater challenges due to some children having reduced timetables, but more granular attendance coding will help.

Has there been any adverse impact noted after cancelling the services of BCL?

Not particularly. Home visits now fall to the SLT, but it is felt that although this is obviously time consuming, the visits have greater effect as the SLT are known to the families who are therefore more likely to answer the door and engage in dialogue.

Has a decision been made about our participation in the Cluster?

Jane advised that the school would remain within the cluster this year while alternatives are looked at; however, she is of the opinion that there are no viable alternative services who can provide the same scope of services. Consequently, greater use is to be made of their services to get better value for money. Jane has already identified six families who are to be referred for additional attendance support as school has exhausted all avenues. The situation will be carefully monitored throughout the year.

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